

### **REMARKS**

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 5, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Applicant submits that a complete listing of all the claims is now present. In particular, the listing of the claims states that claims 1-8 are canceled.

Furthermore, Applicant hereby incorporates herein the contents of the Amendment filed December 27, 2005 by its entirety.

### **Conclusion**

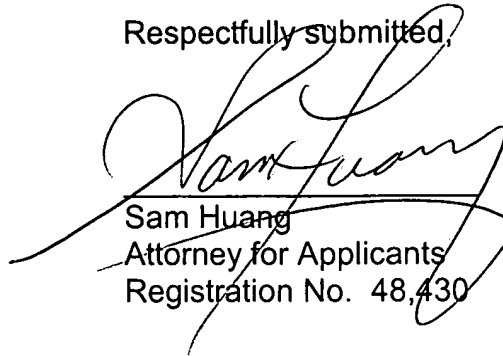
In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 9 along with allowed claims 10-13 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper,

may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108075-00124.

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